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1. PAST HISTORY OF EFFORTS BY US BANKS TO OBTAIN
AUTHORIZATION FROM BANK OF ITALY TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES IN ITALY
SHOWS THAT RECIPROCITY AND SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF
PROPOSED US BRANCHES HAVE BEEN IMPORTANT FACTORS IN OVERCOMING
GENERAL RESISTANCE TO OPENING NEW BRANCHES IN COUNTRY WHICH IS
ALREADY VIEWED AS OVER-BANKED. HOWEVER, RECIPROCITY HAS BEEN
NEGATIVE FACTOR, I.E., ITS ABSENCE IN SOME US STATES HAS
SOMETIMES IMPEDED OR DELAYED GRANTING OF LICENSE TO US BANKS
IN ITALY.

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2. ALTHOUGH ITALY DOES HAVE FCM TREATY WITH US, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL RECIPROCITY CLAUSE AS SAFEGUARD AGAINST DISCRIMINATION MIGHT BE USEFULLY EMPLOYED IN NEW US LEGISLATION.VOLPE

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